SUBJECT No. 167.

Fixed payments to totis and talaris.

Messrs. T. Devappa, Sivappa Dikshit, A. Krishnappa, Shikarpur Taluk; Venkatachar, Shikarpur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—"Aya" is not regularly paid by the raiyats to totis and talaris. Their remuneration may be fixed as in His Majesty's Territories, otherwise they will not work satisfactorily. The Shikarpur members state that "aya" should be fixed on the lands of each raiyat, that it should be caused to be paid in the presence of patel or shanbhog, and that the receipts obtained therefor be filed in the taluk office.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 166.

SUBJECT No. 168.

Revision of village servants' registers.

Mr. Hutcheeregowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In some taluks and districts registers of totis, talavars and nirgantis have not been properly maintained. The appointments are hereditary, but the registers show only the names of deceased officiators. If orders are issued to local authorities to rectify and post these registers up to date, there will be no room for endless disputes.

Reply of Government.—The registers should be brought up to date. Orders to that effect will be issued and the Revenue Commissioner asked to enforce that order.

SUBJECT No. 169.

Rules to control services of village artizans and prevent alienation of such inams.

Mr. Hutcheeregowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The village washerman, barber and blacksmith and such artizans are given inams. But they do no service to Government nor do they fulfil any of the duties for which they were endowed with such inams. Moreover, unless they are paid the excessive wages demanded, they refuse to render their legitimate services to villagers. It is prayed that some rules may be framed for controlling the services of these artizans, as also to prevent such men alienating their inams at will.

Reply of Government.—Individual cases should be brought to the notice of the local authorities, Deputy Commissioners will be asked to see that the conditions of the grant are properly enforced.

SUBJECT No. 170.

Restrictions as to the number of wet crops in a year.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar, Chânnapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The custom of raising two wet crops in a year may be put an end to so that the surplus water may, if necessary, be used next year.

Reply of Government.—This is a difficult question and will be considered.

FOREST.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Reservation of pasture lands by the Forest Department.

Messrs. Nadig Seenappa and Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Lands that were assigned for pasturage at the time of survey and settlement are now reserved by the Forest Department as State Forests. Raiyats are thereby put to inconvenience. The lands may therefore be left, as before, for grazing purposes.

Reply of Government.—No general orders are necessary in this matter. The remedy must be obtained by representing to the Forest Settlement Officer at the time of settlement.